



## KO'OLAULOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 28

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 Hau'ula Community Center**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Pro Tem Verla Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. **Quorum was established with six (6) members present.** Note – This 11-member Board requires six (6) members to establish quorum and take official Board action.

**Members Present** – Randall Au, Hannah Carroll (appointed at the meeting), John Elkington, Kent Fonoimoana, Dee Dee Letts, Verla Moore, and Jacob Nihipali.

**Members Absent** – Vanley Auna.

**Guests** – Firefighter David Clark (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant John Asing (Honolulu Police Department); Jeremy Pitaniello (United States Army); Adam Lefebvre (Mayor Kirk Caldwell); Michael Sakata (Council Chair Ernie Martin); Scott Bradshaw, Jim and Shannon Wood, Cliff and Desi Poteet, Junior Primacio, Tevita Kaili, Evelyn Lane, DiDi Herron, Larry W., Andrea Anixt, Buddy Aho, KC Connors, Sean Quinlan, Marvin Iseke, Georgia Gonzaga, Colin Gonzaga, Roseanne Sakamoto, Larry Nihipali, John Olszowka, Ben Shafer, Choon James, Gary Ah Quin, Ronnie Huddy, SC Purdy, Ashley Menor, and Elizabeth Rago; Sharon Baillie (Neighborhood Commission Office).

#### Election of Officers to Serve from July 2016 to June 2017

Tafua moved and Miller seconded to keep the board officials the same as the previous year. **The motion passed by a voice vote, 6-0-2. (AYE: Au, Miller, Moore, Nihipali, Prescott, and Tafua; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: Fonoimoana and Letts).**

**The Officers are as followed: Chair Moore, Vice Chair Elkington, Secretary Au, and Treasurer Miller.**

**Elkington arrived to the meeting at 6:02 p.m.; nine (9) board members present.**

#### Meeting Determination – Date/Time/Location

**Tafua moved and Prescott seconded to keep the meeting locations on a rotating schedule.**

#### Discussion Followed:

1. Location – Nihipali noted that some residents like one (1) meeting location, knowing where it will be every month. Letts agreed.
2. Different – Tafua added that moving the meeting to different locations allows for different people to attend that might not otherwise.
3. Same – Fonoimoana said that moving the meeting locations was a good experiment, however if a meeting cannot be held in one part of the district than a centralized location should be sought.
4. Ka'a'awa – Letts requested that the meeting be held in Hau'ula if a meeting location on Ka'a'awa could not be found.
5. Rotation – Elkington stated that when the meetings rotate to different neighborhoods in the district it truly becomes a neighborhood board and believes that different people do attend.
6. Meeting Location – Tafua asked that the Ka'a'awa personnel on the board help the board in finding a suitable location, as when they tried to book a meeting site in the past, prices have been too high. Letts noted that other schools that have been booked for the meetings have been charging below normal prices, which unfortunately Ka'a'awa Elementary School is unable to do, but arraignments are trying to be made.
7. Agenda – Fonoimoana voiced his opinion and asked that if a meeting is held in a certain area, that the agenda pertains something of importance to that area.

**Chair Moore called for the vote. The motion to rotate the Ko'olauloa Neighborhood Board meetings passed by a voice voted, 6-3-0. (AYE: Au, Elkington, Miller, Moore, Nihipali, Prescott, and Tafua; NAY: Elkington, Letts, and Nihipali; ABSTAIN: None).**

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter David Clarke reported the following:

- August 2016 – Ka'a'awa Engine 21 had 9 medical emergencies, 1 motor vehicle crash/collision, and 1 mountain rescue. Hau'ula Engine 15 had 2 activated alarms, 23 medical emergencies, 4 motor vehicle crashes/collisions, and 1 mountain rescue. Kahuku Engine 13 had 3 wildland/brush fires, 1 activated alarm, 20 medical emergencies, 1 motor vehicle collision with pedestrian, 2 motor vehicle crashes/collisions, and 1 hazardous materials incident.
- Fire Safety Tip – Dryer Safety Tip:
  - The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is the failure to properly maintain them. Follow these simple safety tips to prevent a clothes dryer fire in the home:
    - Have the dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
    - Clean the lint filter before and after each cycle.
    - Clean the back of the dryer where lint can build up.
    - Check the venting system behind the dryer to ensure it is not damaged, crushed, or restricted.
    - Ensure the outdoor vent covering is open when the dryer is operating.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. House Numbers – Letts inquired and Firefighter answered that he has not necessarily seen an improvement of people putting their home addresses on their houses for first responders to see, adding that it helps first responders assist more quickly to a call if the addresses of the homes are visible.
2. Vents – Fonoimoana noted that it is easy for home owners to clean their own dryer vents and asked what the procedure is for how often dryer vents should be cleaned in multiunit high rises. Firefighter recommended regular maintenance but will see if there is a more specific answer on the regularity of someone cleaning dryer vents in high rises.
3. Burning House – Poteet inquired into a resident burning their demolished home, and wondered if this was the correct way to go about getting rid of the materials. Firefighter said that they can go look and check out the scene and unless the fire is for an emu or ceremonial purposed approved by HPD then most likely it may not be legal. The other firefighter added to please call anytime there are fires such as the one being described occurring or other types. Letts reiterated that as a community, people need to call HPD and HFD more often when they suspect something is taking place that should not be, the more calls received could show a greater need in the area and may help bring more personnel to help patrol the area.
4. Numbers on Homes – Iseke stated that it is illegal to not have house numbers posted on homes, and homeowners should be reminded of this in case emergency services are ever needed so responders will be able to find the place of origin more efficiently. Iseke added that it is the manager and homeowner's association responsibility for the maintenance of buildings, such as cleaning of the vents.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant John Asing reported the following:

- August 2016 – There were 3 motor vehicle thefts, 5 burglaries, 16 thefts, and 14 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV's).
- Police Safety Tip – Hurricane Preparedness: Please have a full tank of gas and enough water and food for the family and animals for seven (7) days.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Arrests – Fonoimoana asked if it was possible to find out the number of people arrested and prosecuted for the incidents being reported at the meeting. Lieutenant Asing noted that what he is reporting at the meeting is information that is authorized to give, adding that if anyone would like other information to go down to their local police station and look at the police records. Go to [www.honolulupd.org](http://www.honolulupd.org) for more information.
2. Domestic Violence – Connors brought up concerns about a person in a domestic violence situation and what can be done to help. Lieutenant Asing stated that HPD takes domestic violence very seriously, to call any time there is a situation and HPD will respond and take appropriate actions based on the current assessment at that time.
3. Signs – Iseke noted that at Hau'ula Elementary School cars are having a hard time turning into the school and leaving the school due to speeding cars, signs for speeding around schools are being ignore and asked what could be done. Lieutenant Asing noted that HPD goes out with their speed guns to help deter

the speeding in the area but cannot be everywhere all the time, noting that there needs to be more calls placed if situations like this are occurring to 911 so that the proper authorities can respond.

4. Parking – Moore noted a situation in Punalu'u where cars are parked up to the stop sign on both sides of Woodward Lane and across the street, which is obstructing driver who want to turn onto the highway. Lieutenant Asing asked to please call 911 in order to get an officer to check out the situation noting that there is a certain distance people need to be back from the stop signs as to not obstruct views for safety. Fonoimoana added that the distance a car can be from a stop sign is 20 feet. Herron informed the board and audience that the people blocking these intersections are fishermen who are fishing for Oama, which are in season.

US ARMY REPRESENTATIVE – Major Jeremy Pitaniello reported the following:

1. Fuel Plant – On Tuesday, August 22, 2016 the ground breaking ceremony for the multi-fuel power generation plant took place on Schofield. The Army is leasing land to Hawaiian Electric Company for this venture which will provide services to the entire island.
2. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) – The IUCN World Conservation Congress will be held in Honolulu from Thursday, September 1 to Saturday, September 10, 2016. The Congress will bring together more than 8,000 attendees from 170 countries to discuss the most challenging issues for conservation. The Army will be participating in the IUCN.
3. Patriot's Day – Everyone is invited to attend the West Oahu Veterans Center Patriot's Day Open House, in memorial of the 15th anniversary of 9/11, taking place on Monday, September 12, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
4. Lighting Forge – The annual Lighting Forge exercises will be taking place in October 2016 and Major Pitaniello will update the board accordingly if the Army will be able to coordinate tours of the Kahuku training area (KTA) conservation efforts while the exercises are taking place.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Live Fire – Herron inquired if there will be increased noise and live fire taking place. Major Pitaniello answered that he could not say if there would be live fire but to go to [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil) for more information on training schedules, and to call 656-3487 for noise complaints and 656-3159 for other issues outside of noise. Au added that there will be no live fire and it is not permitted, but there will be blank ammunition and pyrotechnic noises that may be heard from the KTA.
2. Sonic Boom – A resident inquired to a noise/sensation she heard about six (6) weeks ago. Fonoimoana and others informed her that it was most likely from exercises being conducted in the ocean from Rimpac.
3. Noise and Training – Iseke noted that the noise heard from training is for a good cause, because military members are preparing in case of having to defend the country adding that he is a military veteran. Nihipali inquired if Hau'ula could have a no fly zone like other areas in the region. Primacio who is a military veterans encouraged everyone to go to the Kahuku Training Area tour in order to see what kind of activities are taking place. James inquired about helicopters flying over La'ie Point versus around it, Major Pitaniello suggested calling 656-3159 which is the Army public affairs office, who could field the particular questions to responsible military branches. A resident added that she is unaware of where people are getting this idea that there is a ton of noise from military training, noting that she has lived on a farm next to the KTA and has walked through it and only noticed excessive noise 15 years ago after 9/11.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 11, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – **Without any objections, The August 11, 2016 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, as amended 9-0-0 (AYE: Au, Elkington, Fonoimoana, Letts, Miller, Moore, Nihipali, Prescott, and Tafua; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

**PAGE 1:** Elkington moved and Nihipali seconded to keep the meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. **The motion passed by a show of hands, 6-0-0 (AYE: Au, Elkington, Fonoimoana, Letts, Nihipali, and Moore; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

**PAGE 2:** Under Camping, "no camping signs put up at Ka'a'awa beach park"

**PAGE 3:** "Poteet was not **elected** to fill the vacancy"

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Miller reported a remaining balance of \$360. The report was filed.

PUNALU'U SEAT VACANCY/NOMINATION/SELECTION

Cliff Poteet introduced himself and spoke of his interest in filling the board vacancy.

Hannah Carroll introduced herself and spoke of her interest in filling the board vacancy.

Letts nominated Poteet to fill the Punalu'u seat vacancy.

Miller nominated Carroll to fill the Punalu'u seat vacancy.

Discussion Followed:

1. Association – Letts asked and Carroll answered that she is not currently a part of the Punalu'u Community Association (PCA).
2. Open or Closed – Moore inquired if PCA was an opened or closed association. Gonzaga answered that a person needs to come to a meeting to express interest in joining PCA and at the next meeting they would be nominated and voted in, with a \$5 membership fee.
3. Opinions – Iseke and Fonoimoana gave their various positive opinions of Poteet filling the board vacancy. Tafua added that whoever is elected should try their best to serve the community.

**Chair Moore passed the gavel to Vice Chair Elkington at 7:04 p.m.**

4. Nominees – Moore, Fonoimoana, and Herron gave their personal opinions on why they would like to see a certain nominee elected to the board.

**Vice Chair Elkington passed the gavel back to Chair Moore at 7:09 p.m.**

**Chair Moore called for the vote. Hannah Carroll was elected to fill the Punalu'u seat vacancy by a vote of six (6), to Poteets three (3) (Carroll: Au, Elkington, Miller, Moore, Prescott, and Tafua; Poteet: Fonoimoana, Letts, and Nihipali;).**

Letts expressed that the vote was not unexpected and that she is sadly disappointed that the wishes of the late Creighton Mattoon and his family to have Poteet fill the vacancy were not approved.

**Chair Moore called for a recess at 7:10 p.m.**

**The Neighborhood Assistant gave Carroll the oath of office; 10 board members present.**

**Fonoimoana and Letts left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.; Eight (8) board members present.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation – Prescott informed the board and audience of various road repaving projects that were taking place, as well as erosion of the highways being fixed in Ka'a'awa and Kahana areas.

Culture – Miller noted receiving an email from the burial council on iwi (bones).

Housing – Elkington added that there are questions on the legality and regulation of BnB's, and at this time there will not be anything to formally regulate BnB's.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Adam Lefebvre reported the following:

- Rail – Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) is exploring various ways to defray the cost of rail, including private-public partnerships, separately is the option of selling development rights to private partners in exchange for building stations.
- Lighting – The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) noted that the design of the new ball field lighting at Kahuku District Park is being performed by a consultant hired by the City and County of Honolulu.
- Transient – Office of Housing (HOU) requested clarification on the percentage of Oahu's transient. For more information, please check out the reports at HOU website at [www.honolulu.gov/housing/ohou-who.html](http://www.honolulu.gov/housing/ohou-who.html).
- Accuracy – The Point-In-Time (PIT) count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January. The PIT annual count captures a moment in time – a rise in homeless counts in specific areas may not be captured at the moment. This is not at issue of accuracy, but the question that is being posed – what is the progress of the community on its homeless programs and initiatives.

- Dumping – The Department of Environmental Services stated that the City and County of Honolulu permits private haulers to discharge at permitted City and County of Honolulu discharge sites. The City bills the private hauler every month.
- Bus Service – The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is examining ways to realign bus service in the Kaneohe town-area provided by Routes 55, 56, 65, and 77. One (1) option being evaluated proposes Route 55 service to Windward Community College. DTS will solicit input on the various proposals being considered from the affected communities and neighborhood boards.
- Asphalt – The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) does not prohibit the use of reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) to repave private roads. The use of RAP is encouraged because it reduces the need for virgin aggregate in asphalt pavement mixes, and also provides recycled material that would otherwise be disposed of in landfills as construction waste.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Tracking – Moore inquired if homeless individuals are followed to see where they go from a certain area, Lefebvre answered that once contact and outreach has been made, the progress of individuals is tracked. There is a big problem in finding people if they do not want help at certain times.
2. Manholes – Elkington asked if dumping of sewer is happening in manholes, Lefebvre answered that some manholes could be considered as legal dumping areas as long as they are not stamped with a fish because those manholes go right to the ocean. Nihipali asked for a list of legal designated manholes for sewage dumping in the Ko'olauloa area.
3. Neighborhood Boards – Iseke wants to know what the process is to eliminate La'ie from the Ko'olauloa Neighborhood Board. L. Nihipali voiced his opinion on the board and how it is much more equitable than it has been in the past. A resident inquired if each area represented in the board can have two (2) people representing the area, rather than it be based on census population.
4. Concerns – Connors voiced her concerns about the PIT count and would like to know where the homeless outreach workers are and who are helping the homeless. Connors wants to know when TheBus Route 55 will be restored to 30 minute intervals, also asking what is being done to curb the Transient Vacation Units (TVU's). LeFebvre noted that the City and County of Honolulu made a promise to help eliminate veteran homelessness and if anyone knows of homeless individuals to please give him a call or to the proper authorities to help with outreach. LeFebvre added that with TVU's, people are now able to submit evidence by taking pictures of advertisements they may see and more information on that process can be found at [www.honolulu.gov/dpp](http://www.honolulu.gov/dpp).
5. Disregard – James stated her disappointment yesterday, Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at the City Council hearing, which would allow a developer of a high rise building pay a nominal fee and decrease parking spaces because it is on the rail corridor.

Council Chair Ernie Martin – Mike Sakata reported the following:

- Permit – The Interim Plan Transit Development Permit is a first of its kind, which would allow modified development standards for projects that provide more community benefits than required through a Special District permit. There were some concerns about fees that developers would have to pay, City Council referred the permit back to the zoning committee.
- Bureau of Ocean Management (BOEM) – BOEM who is in charge of off shore water leasing will start conducting environmental assessments on the impact of offshore water windfarms, which are proposed for six (6) miles off Ka'ena Point and Diamond Head.
- Vote – Sakata noted that if people are unhappy with representation in neighborhood boards or government that they should go out and vote to make a change.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Neighborhood Boards – A resident suggested that each area represented in a neighborhood board have equal representation, two (2) from Kahuku, two (2) from La'ei, etcetera. Shafer inquired if it was possible for Kahana to have a vote on the board, as they are currently under Ka'a'awa. Iseke suggested that the neighborhood board be eliminated and/or a two (2) vote per area be adopted. James noted that people may be upset with the board for the possibility of board blocking of certain issues.
2. Buses and Programs – Connors inquired why it was taking so long to have the bus route restored to 30 minute intervals in the area. Connors also asked why the Work Links Program was cut at the Hau'ula Community Center and asked if it would be possible to bring back to the area. Connors stated that the second Windward Homeless Alliance Meeting was held, and would like a representative from the city to attend meetings. Sakata noted that it would take three (3) months once funds are released for TheBus route 55 to be restored which is in the December 2016 time frame.



3. Illegal Dumping – Ah Quin stated that there is illegal dumping going on by Radford High School by the Navy that is causing flooding on Pokawai Place, noting that there is a report by Carol Cox on this matter.
4. Thanks – James thanked Chair Martin for everything he does for the Ko'olauloa area, adding that she would like to see a mayor elected who will collaborate with the community to see results.

State Senator Gil Riviere – Senator Gil Riviere reported the following:

- Adult Day Care – Senator Riviere stated the importance of having a senior care facility in the Ko'olauloa area and is working diligently to see if it came come to fruition. Sakamoto then reported the following:
  - There is a huge need for Adult Day Care services in the Ko'olauloa area. Providing services to the elderly would offer many benefits to the elderly and the at home care taker. The elderly would get social interaction, meals, safety, etcetera. The at home care giver would get peace of mind knowing their loved one is being watched after, so they are able to go about their needs as well. Sakamoto asked that the board and residence sign a petition in hopes of starting an adult day care program at Ocean Side Assisted Living and will come back at next month's meeting to provide a more thorough presentation on the proposed program, with services and costs of that manner.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Rail – James inquired and Riviere answered that he is opposed to extending the rail tax.
2. Accountability – Shafer gave his opinion that someone should be put in jail and held accountable for the extraordinary costs of the rail.
3. Education – Connors asked that Riviere help bring more money to the local schools of Ko'olauloa if there is filming going on in the area, in order for the children to receive benefits.

Representative Feki Pouha – No representative was present; a report was not provided.

Governor David Ige's Representative – No representative was present; a report was provided.

#### PUBLIC INPUT/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Olelo – Connors noted having great conversations with Olelo about their program in Kahuku, explaining that they are willing to provide training to people and groups if interested. Connors added that these Olelo programs provide excellent training to local talent who are able to get good jobs in the film industry. Connors added to call Greg Davis at 237-2175 or email [kahuku@olelo.org](mailto:kahuku@olelo.org) for any questions.
- Kahana – Shafer reported that over 30 nations from the IUCN came to the fish pond to help rebuild a rock wall, that the Friends of Kahana and the Ko'olauloa Canoe Club are teaming up to participate in activities in the Kahana area, and that the Kahana Planning Council is working with a consultant to come up with a Kahana Master Plan.
- Mayor – James expressed her opinion on the direction the City and County of Honolulu may be going and stated who she would be voting for mayor in the upcoming election.
- Wind Turbines – A resident expressed her concern over the recently passed Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of the proposed Kahuku Wind Turbines that would be 656 feet in height. She requested everyone go to the Facebook page, Mothers Against Industrial Turbines to learn more about what can be done to stop the projects, adding that an alternative could be to have solar panels instead.
- Heiau – Kaili invited everyone to come to the Maunawila Heiau to help with restoration of the area on Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Kaili noted that over 38 nations came and visited the Heiau on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 when the IUCN was taking place.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting: The next regular Ko'olauloa Neighborhood Board No. 28 meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at TBD.
- Olelo Broadcasting: The regular Board meetings air on the 4th Friday at 9:00 p.m., and on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 12:00 p.m. on Channel 49.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Submitted by: Sharon Baillie, Neighborhood Assistant I  
Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant II  
Reviewed and Approved by: Chair Verla Moore